

NT220 (MGT-300)

Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents (MCATI): Command Course

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Course Description

Emergency response agencies that handle weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents are required to address any civil disturbances that arise as a result of these incidents. These police, fire, social services, and city officials need to be trained and prepared to plan their collaborative response and to understand the principles involved in MCATI. Poor crowd management within the general proximity of a WMD event can easily exacerbate the continued spread of chemical or biological contamination unless non-public safety individuals are prevented from entering and exiting the threat zone. Civil actions in threat incidents are known by a variety of names: riots, civil disturbance, protest. From a small, peaceful assembly to a large, out-of-control, violent confrontation, public safety personnel must be prepared to handle the incident.

This course provides personnel above the line officer with the knowledge to plan and respond to a civil action in an appropriate manner. The modules include topics such as the history of civil disturbance, planning, incident command systems, community and media relations, demonstrator tactics, riot-control agents, legal perspectives, doctrinal concepts, crisis decision making, team tactics, force multipliers, and fire ground tactics. Each module is taught through classroom lecture with exercises integrated throughout (as appropriate), leading up to a practical Command Post Exercise conducted on the last day of training.

Course Objectives

- Develop comprehensive strategic and tactical plans for their organizations when preparing for special events, civil disorders, and public assemblages.
- Use a community, media, and law enforcement partnership when dealing with civil disorder and threat incidents.
- Recognize tactics that demonstrators use to obstruct traffic, to understand the duties of public safety responders to civil disorders, and to recommend prevention and countermeasures that can be used to undermine the tactics.
- Associate and apply legal principles and applicable case and statutory law to their positions and their departments' mission in planning and executing the management of civil actions in threat incidents.
- Influence a safe and effective response by recognizing the need for coordinated efforts among all public safety services in a civil disorder threat situation.
- Recognize the importance of using team tactics to control civil disorder situations and develop operational guidelines based on team policing principles for their respective departments.

Course Length

- 40 hours

Prerequisite

- Personnel who are required to plan and respond to civil actions in a threat incident.

Target Audience/Discipline

- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Management
- Fire Service
- Hazardous Material
- Public Works
- Governmental administrative
- Public Safety Communications